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Arrivals.

March 26, MARIA Y VICENTE, Span. bark, 584, Sta. Coloma, Manila 14th March; Sapwood—RUMFORD & Co.
March 27, HALLOWOOD, Brit. str. 277, Farnow, Tamsui 22nd March, Takao 24th, Amoy 25th, and Swatow 26th General—D. LAPRAIK & Co.
March 27, CONSTANTE, Spanish brig, 277, Pape, Seiron 8th February, Riu—CARLOTTI & Co.
March 27, ARIEL, Brit. bark, 360, Molison, Osima 20th, Macau—O'DONALD.
March 27, ESMERALDA, Span. str. 267, Billabao, Amoy 26th March, General—E. J. SAGE.
March 27, NORMA, Brit. str. 665, Milson, Swatow 26th, General—KWOK ARBONG.
March 27, THEUS, French str. 3,207, Laconio, Marseilles 16th February, Port Said 23rd, Suez 24th, Aden 3rd March, Galle 12th, Singapore 19th, and Saigon 28th Mails and General—MESSAGERIES MARTINERES.

Departures.

March 27, MINA, for Saigon.
March 27, PROVENCE, str. for Saigon and Marseilles.
March 27, CANTABRIA, for Manila.
March 27, PRESTO, for Saigon.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE,
MARCH 27TH.
PRESTO, for Saigon.
TIDE, for Saigon.
ATLANTA, str., for Amoy and Shanghai.
NAMOA, str., for Samarang.

Passengers.

For Tiare, str., from Marseilles, &c.—
For Hongkong.

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Shanghai.

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For NORMA, str., from Swatow.—
330 Chinese.

For HAIKONG, str., from Tamsui, &c.—
Miss. GIGLI and HERRON, and 35 Chinese.

For EMERALDA, str., from Amoy.—
150 Chinese.

For PRESTO, for Saigon.—
70 Chinese.

For ALBONA, str., for Amoy and Shanghai.—
1 cabin and 105 Chinese.

For TIDE, for Saigon.—
100 Chinese.

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Auction Sales To-day.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
At 12 noon,
Stury Goods.

NEITHER the Undersigned nor the Owners of the German ship *Georg*, now lying in this port, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the Captain, Officers, or Crew of the said vessel.

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
At 534 Hongkong, 28th February, 1873.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

At 1193 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

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OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
At 844 Hongkong, 17th April, 1872.

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At 1021 Hongkong, 13th February, 1873.

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GARRISON ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The weather continued to be everything that could be wished for the second day's sports, which included some of the usual laughable competitions, such as the Bucket-of-water and Sack Races.

The greased pole was won by G. Oakes, marine, of the Princess Charlotte.

1.—TROWBRIDGE HAMMERS, Ilkla (3 trials).

Seven entries. The winner three 71 feet 5 inches, and there was a tie for second place at 66 feet 15 in.

Pte. Taylor, 30th.....1.
Corpl. Johnson, 80th.....1.
Sapper Borrowdale, R.B.2.

2.—FLAT RACE, 300 yards. Non-commissioned Officers only. 1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$2.

Seven entries. At 45 seconds.

Corporal Steer, 80th.....1.
Corporal Johnson, 80th.....2.
Pte. Foster, 80th.....1.

3.—CORPORAL RUNNING JUMP (3 trials). 1st prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Four entries. The winner jumped 4 feet 8 in, the second being three inches behind him.

Sapper Borrowdale, R.E.1.

4.—No entries.

5.—HIGH JUMP OVER POLE. Prize, \$4.

Five entries. The height was a rather poor 56 inches, at which there was a tie.

Pte. Foster, 80th.....1.

Corpl. Fox, 80th.....1.

6.—HURDLE RACE, once round, 12 heights, Army, Navy and Royal Marines. 1st prize, \$6; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$1. Winner of No. 11 race on previous day excluded.

Eleven entries. Time, 42 seconds.

W. R. Oresswell, R.N.1.

7.—HURDLE RACE, once round, 12 heights, Army, Navy and Royal Marines. 1st prize, \$6; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$1. Winner of No. 11 race on previous day excluded.

Thirteen entries. Time, 42 seconds.

Pte. Foster, 80th.....1.

Pte. Foley, 80th.....2.

Pte. Fairbank, 80th.....3.

8.—JUNGLE MATCH. Four prizes, \$1 each.

W. S. SACK RACE, Army, Navy, and Royal Marines. 1st prize, \$6; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$1.

Twenty-five entries. The bell-men, Foster and Fairbank, did not get the prizes, as they were never caught.

This match caused a good deal of excitement.

12.—FLAT RACE, half-mile, Army, Navy, and Royal Marines. 1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Twelve entries. Time, 42 seconds.

Pte. Hopkins, 80th.....1.

Pte. Foley, 80th.....2.

Pte. Fairbank, 80th.....3.

13.—FLAT RACE, once round, 12 heights, Army, Navy and Royal Marines. 1st prize, \$6; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$1.

Twenty-five entries. Time, 2m. 35s.

Pte. Hopkins, 80th.....1.

Pte. Foley, 80th.....2.

Pte. Fairbank, 80th.....3.

14.—FLAT RACE, once round, \$1—Army, Navy, and Royal Marines—1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$2.

Eleven men entered, and some very good springing took place.

Jones, Thalia.....1.

Patterson, from Duke.....2.

G. O. Otley.....3.

W. R. Oresswell.....3.

15.—PICKING UP 20 EGGS ONE TIED APART. Army, Navy, and Royal Marines—1st prize, \$6; 2nd, \$3; 3rd, \$1.

A boy carrying eggs had to be brought separately to the start, making the whole distance gone over by each man 420 yards.

Pte. Hopkins, 80th.....1.

Genl. Bonelli, R.A.2.

Genl. Barton, R.A.3.

16.—CONSOLIDATION RACE—Army, Navy, and Royal Marines—once round—winners of any prizes to be added—1st prize, \$4; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Eighteen men entered, and some very good springing took place.

Jones, Thalia.....1.

Patterson, from Duke.....2.

G. O. Otley.....3.

W. R. Oresswell.....3.

17.—FLAT RACE, once round, \$1—Army, Navy, and Royal Marines—1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Twenty-three entries. Most of the competitors got thoroughly drenched, much to their own amusement and that of the spectators.

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18.—FLAT RACE, once round, \$1—Army, Navy, and Royal Marines—1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

Twenty-three entries. The distance covered was five seconds behind.

Pte. Hopkins, 80th.....1.

Pte. Foley, 80th.....2.

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19.—FLAT RACE, once round, \$1—Army, Navy, and Royal Marines—1st prize, \$5; 2nd, \$2; 3rd, \$1.

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Pte. Foley, 80th.....2.

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31.—FLAT RACE, once round,

Extracts.

THE LATE LORD LYTON AND MR. TENNYSON.

In all he did he had too little sincerity and too much affectation. Once he was savagely reminded of this by Mr. Tennyson. In the "New Timon," Lyton had attacked Tennyson. He wrote—

"Not mine, not mine ('O Muse forbid!) the book
Of bairns' notes, the mock-bird's modish tune,
The jingling melody of purloined conceits,
Out-shining Workward and out-glistening
Kraze!"

When all the airs of patch-work patrolled along
To drown the ears in Tennyson's rhymer.

L'Escoufier Alfred sent her dearest delight
"dusting little rooms so warm and light,"
O'er "I've a wren" is infectious strain.
And catch the "blue fly singing I the pane,"
That poor bird by critics and adored by Blues,
The "Peel with padding plump the guling mose,
Th' thob in tate the Saxon pure controls
And pensions. Tennyson while starves a
Knows—"

Tennyson wrote a reply in *Punch*, one or two verses of which may be given—

THE NEW TIMON AND THE POET.
We know him out of Shakspeare's art,
And those full entries which he spoke;
The old Timon, with his noble heart,
That strongly loathing, greatly broke,
Did die; the Old here comes the New.
Regard him! a familiar face;

I thought we knew him: What's it you,
The padded man that wears the stony ways,

Who killed the girls and thrilled the boys
With dandy jaunts when you wrote;

O lion! you has made a noise;

And shook a name in papillotes.

What profits us to understand—

The minister a spotless saint—

A dupes' baat—A little hand—

It half the little soul is dir!

You talk of ties! Why, we see,

Old man of rouge upon your cheeks.

You pride of Nature! You are he—

That spits his life upon the epics.

A Timon you! Nay, nay, for shame;

It looks too arrogant a jest.

The fierce old man to take his name—

You bandit. Off, and let him vnt.

That was savage, and, perhaps, more than the provocation warranted. Lyton characterised Tennyson from his poetry. Tennyson characterised Lyton's poetry from his person. For Lyton always was a dandy. He was never seen in disarray. There was a certain coquettishness in his hair, and not a touch could anywhere that could convey the idea that the English tongue and the Anglo-Saxon race are to have more and more to say and do on the affairs of the world as time goes on. The width of the empire gives tone to the thoughts of its statesmen; its peculiar character as a set of colonies inhabited by different peoples gives experience to its troops in their profession; the national ideas upon government and the rights of subjects command themselves to most of the colonies, and through the colonies affect other nations; the national impulse, taken as a whole, is to spread and subdue and absorb; the national commerce is world-wide, and promises to keep its advanced and surpassing place; the empire of the seas is still with Britain, and her stations must be in all corners of the world; her overpopulated population must be drafted into her colonies; therefore looking at all these facts, and considering well the collateral thoughts to which they give rise, one cannot help feeling that interesting as the romance of British colonisation has been in the past, it will be still more interesting in the future.—*St. James's Magazine.*

THE NEWCOMES.

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SWARING HUSBANDS.

"He wouldn't swear at me," said Erma, her face flushed at the asperion. "Of course not! It is well known that men never do. George Travers never was to swear at Mrs. St. Barbe. How dear, noble George! Ask her about the matter now. She chose to marry a rising barrister, who never rose, and they have lived on a halfpenny a year. You don't know what that is. You have only lived with men who never in their lives had to think how sixpence was to be made. It is a very different thing when a man is perpetually harassed by small means and repeated calls on them. No temper can stand the perpetual strain. You judge from your own point of view. You don't mind an unbecoming dinner, but a man does; it makes him cross and it seuds his wife, and she finds that it is not all smooth sailing; and is mope and miserable, and loses her good looks and all the attractions that first won him; and tries perhaps, and that worries him; and so they go on from one thing to another, sound and miserable."—From "Erma's Engagement."

CURIOS PEOPLE WHOM HE MET IN SWITZERLAND.

There are two old ladies (English) living here who may serve me for a few lines of gossip—as I have intended they should ever and again, but I have always forgotten it. There were originally four old ladies, sisters, but two of them have faded away in the course of eighteen years, and withered by the side of John Kemble in the cemetery. They are very little and very skinny, and each of them wears a row of false ears, like little rolling-pins, so low upon her brow that there is no forehead—notthing above the eyebrows but a deep horizontal wrinkle, and then the ears. They live upon some small annuity. For thirteen years they have wanted very much to move to Italy, as the oldest lady says the climate of this part of Switzerland doesn't agree with her and preys upon her spirits; but they have never been able to go, because of the difficulty of moving "the books." This tremendous library belonged once upon a time to the father of these old ladies, and comprises about fifty volumes. I have never been able to see what they are, because all the old ladies always sit before them, but they look outside very like old backgammon boards. The two deceased sisters died in the firm persuasion that this precious property could never be got over the Simplot without some gigantic effort to which the united family was unequal. The two remaining sisters live, and will die also in the same belief. I met the eldest (evidently drooping) yesterday, and recommended her to try Geneva. She looked shrewdly at the snow that closes up the mountain prospect just now, and said that when the spring was quite set in and the avalanche was down, and the passes well open, she would certainly try that place if they could allow my plan in the course of the winter for moving "the books." The whole library will be sold by auction here when they are both dead for about a napoleon, and some young women will carry it home in two journeys with a basket.

From Foster's Second Volume of the Life of Dickens.

THE ROMANCE OF BRITISH COLONISATION.

The outgoing of the Anglo-Saxon race has not furnished themes in point for painter and for poet, it has yet afforded food for thought and matter for prose to the statesman and the historian. But it would be quite unfair, and quite wise of the business of this paper, to think that the great schemes of colonisation have not been prolific of that heroism which such a service usually calls for—the heroism of the soldier, the explorer, the leader, or the missionary. There is a picture in my mind at this moment, caught from a story read long ago in the golden days when to lie in the sun, with a book under a tree, was the summit of a boy's enjoyment. The galley of the Empress of Algiers has gone to punish the pirates of the Barbary coast, and with the exception, perhaps, of the cisterns and aqueducts, nothing is Punic. All the remains above ground are Roman. Far below the soil are traces of his earlier masters. The Greek and Arab, the Spanish and Moor, each in turn held those quarries as rains which the storms had spared, and Africa and Europe have alike adorned their cities with the spoils of Tyre's fair daughter. All those who know her past history—and what school boy is ignorant of it—will feel an interest in her present state.

THE EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON MUSCULAR EXERTION.

Dr. Parkes, F.R.S., of the Netley Hospital, is pursuing his inquiries into the effect of diet and exercise on the bodily power, and on the elimination of certain products from the animal economy. His last experiments were made on a soldier, a Scotswoman, powerfully built, and thirty years of age.

The exercise was walking and digging; and anyone who has handled a spade knows that to dig for nine hours a day is not easy work. The experiments were continued during sixteen days, and were brought to a close with trials of the effect of brandy. After drinking four ounces of brandy, he fancied he could do a great deal of work, but when he came to do it, he found he was less capable than he thought." After a second dose, his inability to work was increased, and he had palpitation of the heart; and a third dose, taken eight hours after the first, completely neutralised his working power. He threw down his spade, and, being a good runner, tried to take running exercise, but was unable through failure of breath. Dr. Parkes observes: "The man's own judgment at the end of the trial was, that he would prefer to do the work without the brandy, and when asked for his reasons, he mentioned 'the increased thirst, the heaviness in the evening, and the fluttering at the heart.' And, commenting on the case, the doctor adds: "As the effect of labour alone is to augment the strength and frequency of the heart's action, it would appear obviously improper to act on the heart—still more by alcohol."—From "The Month," in *Chambers's Journal*.

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Cheating and extortion seems incompatible with the Spanish character. Even the poorest peasant who has shown us our way, and who has walked a considerable distance to do so, has invariably refused to receive anything for his services; yet all are most willing and anxious to help strangers. The same liberal spirit seems to breathe through everything, and was equally shown at our little villa at Elche, equivalent to a small English villa—where a number of ruined, blind, and half collected daily to receive the broken viands from the tabernacle, which the mistress distributed to them, and in the delicate blushing wife opposite, who keeps two lamps burning night at her own expense, before the little shrine of "Our Lady of the Unprotected" in her balcony. The temporal works of mercy to give bread to the hungry and drink to the thirsty, to take care of the sick, these are the common duties which non-singhing from.

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